Review of Tehri Dam

2032. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI TR1LOKI NATO CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the follow-up action taken by Government on the assurance given by the Prime Minister on Tehri Dam review following which Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna had terminated his fast;

(b) whether Government have made enquiries on the forcible removal of Shri Bahuguna from Tehri by the authorities and if so, the details thereof and whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The Government has shown its readiness to examine any new and substantive issue that may be raised. It is in this spirit that Shri Bahuguna was requested to give up his fast which he did in the presence of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna was arrested by the District Administration which functions under the authority of State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

भारतीय स्टेट बैंक की संसदीय सौंध शाखा में संसद सदस्यों के लिये लॉकर उपलब्ध होना

2033. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें किः

(क) क्या संसद सदस्यों के लिए भारतीय स्टेट बैंक की केवल संसदीय सौंध स्थित शाखा में ही लॉकर सुविधा उपलब्ध हैं;

(ख) क्या संसद सदस्य लॉकरों की संख्या बढ़ाने के लिए शाखा प्रबंधक से लगातार अनुरोध करते रहे हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार लॉकरों की संख्या में वृद्वि कर रही हैं, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय मं राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम.वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एस.बी.आई.) ने सूचित किया हैं कि संसद सदस्यों, भूतपूर्व संसद सदस्यों और संसदीय सौंध में नियुक्त लोक सभा एवं सभा सचिवालय के कर्मचारियों के लिए एस.बी.आई. की संसदीय सौंध शाखा (संसदीय सौंध भवन में स्थित) लॉकर सुविधा उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) इस समय उक्त शाखा में 170 लाकर हैं।

(ग) और (घ) एस.बी.आई. के अनुसार, लॉकरों की संख्या बढ़ाने के लिए सदस्य अनुरोध करते रहे हैं। तथापि, बैंक में स्थान संबंधी समस्या के कारण ऐसा नहीं किया जा सका।

Bidding for Private Sector Power Projects

2034. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether MoUs for open bids are preferred for private sector power projects;

(b) what is the procedure which has to be followed by companies for open bids; and

(c) with several proposals which MoUs pending clearances in what manner Government would deal with open bid proposals and still not incur the criticism of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Initially, the modalities' route of selection of entrepreneurs for putting up private power plants was left to the discretion of the State Governments. Government made competitive

bidding mandatory for future private power projects requiring the techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), with effect from 18.2.1995.

(b) The Government has circulated detailed guideline&Procedures to be followed in cases of competitive bidding involving request for qualifications, request for proposals, evaluation methodology, implementation agreements etc.

(c) No difficulties are envisaged in following the competitive bidding route for the future projects with some of the projects with MoUs still pending clearances as the two are clearly mutually exclusive modes of soliciting proposals.

Minimum balance required for State Bank account

2035. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pi eased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and ether nationalised Banks have revised the minimum balance required to be retained in a saving account, with cheque book facility and otherwise during the past three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof, bankwise; and

(c) the reasons for such revisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) As per the information received from public sector banks, during the past three months most of them have not revised the minimum balance to be retained in the Savings Bank Accounts with cheque book facility and otherwise. Public sector banks prescribe the minimum balance to be maintained in such accounts after taking into account the cost of servicing such accounts etc.

Direct flight between Pune and Delhi

2036. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Members of Parliament have represented that PUNE/DELHI/PUNE direct flight of Indian Airlines should fly daily as earlier;

(b) why the said flight was discontinued on Tuesday and Thursday; and

(c) by when the daily flight will be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Representations have been received from some Members of Parliament for daily operation of Indian Airlines service on Pune-Delhi-Pune sectoi.

(b) and (c) The frequency of the Pune-Delhi-Pune service was curtailed due to shortage of operating crew. Since the shortage is still persisting, Indian Airlines is at present not in a position to resume the daily service.

Behaviour of security personnel towards passengers at Airports

2037. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Wili the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports about the inhuman and discourteous behaviour of the security men in the Airports towards the passengers; and

(b) whether steps will be taken to organsie separate security force under the control of Airport Authorities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A few complaints about the discourteous behaviour by the airports security staff have been received.

(b) A proposal for constitution of Civil Aviation Security Force is under consideration.